REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

In the Office Action dated January 31, 2005, the Office requested applicant to furnish a drawing without adding new matter to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant has added Fig. 1 without adding new matter.

Claims 1-2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,763,121 to Shaked et al. ("Shaked"). Claim 3 has been objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has been amended and rewritten in independent form and should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 4 are amended to expand certain elements and redirect these claims to alternative aspects of the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that Shaked does not teach growing or shrinking primitives as set forth in claim 1, nor an encoder that is operable to grow or shrink the cluster as set forth in claim 4. Therefore, the claims are patentable over Shaked.

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